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Examiner: Alicia Chevalier

Title: A COMPOUND MOLD AND STURCTURED SURFACE
ARTICLES CONTAINING GEOMETRIC STRUCTURES WITH
COMPOUND FACES AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

BRIEF ON APPEAL

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Dear Sir:

This is an appeal from the Office Action mailed on April 23, 2004. This Brief is being filed in triplicate. The fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(c) for the appeal should be charged to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The real party in interest is 3M Company (formerly known as Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company) of St. Paul, Minnesota and its affiliate 3M Innovative Properties Company of St. Paul, Minnesota.

RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Appellants are unaware of any related appeals or interferences.

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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Appellants respectfully submit that the Examiner has erred in rejecting this application under 35 USC § 102. Please reverse the Examiner on all counts.

Respectfully submitted,

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